

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-504

August 25, 2004

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Proposed Optional Targeted Service Rate:
General Service: Pine Tree Development
Zone Economic Development Rider (PTZ)

ORDER APPROVING
RATE SCHEDULE

WELCH, Chairman; DIAMOND and REISHUS, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's) proposed Optional Targeted Service Rate: General Service: Pine Tree Development Zone Economic Development Rider (PTZ) and associated standard form contracts.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On July 26, 2004, in response to L.D. 1692,¹ CMP filed with this Commission a proposed new rate schedule, Optional Targeted Service Rate: General Service: Pine Tree Development Zone Economic Development Rider (PTZ) and associated standard form contracts.² This rate schedule would provide a discount for incremental electrical usage by eligible Pine Tree Zone businesses within CMP's service territory.

We have reviewed the revised Rate Schedule and find that it is reasonably likely to promote incremental load that is both in the interest of ratepayers and is consistent with the State's goal of encouraging economic development in Pine Tree Zones.³ Moreover, the Department of Economic Development has reviewed the rate schedule and has indicated that it supports its approval.

¹ During the 2nd Session of the 121st Legislature, the Legislature enacted P.L. 2003, ch. 610, which provides guidance for approval of electric rate discounts developed in conjunction with the State's Pine Tree Development Zone program.

² As a result of conversations with members of the Commission Staff, CMP filed minor, housekeeping revisions to its rate schedule and standard form contracts on August 12, 2004.

³ 30-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 206, subchapter 4.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the proposed Optional Targeted Service Rate: General Service: Pine Tree Development Zone Economic Development Rider (PTZ) rate schedule, as revised and filed by Central Maine Power Company on August 12, 2004, is hereby approved and may become effective on September 1, 2004, as requested by CMP; and
2. That the proposed standard form contracts, as revised and filed by Central Maine Power Company on August 12, 2004, are hereby approved. Accordingly, contracts that vary from these standard forms only by inclusion of customer specific information, do not require individual review⁴ but, rather, should be included in CMP's monthly report of standard form contract activity.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 25th day of August, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Diamond
 Reishus

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Welch

⁴ In its Order dated August 1, 1995 in Docket Nos. 95-600 and 95-610, the Commission determined that when contracts vary from an approved standard form only by inclusion of customer specific information, the Commission is not required to review and approve the individual contracts. The Commission established monthly reporting requirements in lieu of such individual review and approval.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within **21 days** of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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